

Pacquiao's speed stuns

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Champion sweeps away Margarito in march on history

By Roy Luesco

GRAPEVINE, TEXAS—Manny Pacquiao threw bombs that could have toppled a brick wall. Antonio Margarito absorbed most of them, but refused to fall. (More stories in Sports section.)

In a masterful display of speed and precision, Pacquiao dominated the taller, bigger Margarito from the opening bell to earn a lopsided unanimous decision on Sunday night (Sunday is Manila) for the World Boxing Council super welterweight crown that further embellished his already sterling ring career.

Remembering his dominance over Mexican fighters, the Filipino, pound-for-pound king captured a record eighth title in as many divisions in his unprecedented march on history, a feat only Pacquiao himself could break if he decides to court danger again by moving to a higher weight class.

At Pacquiao landed, bloodied and eventually disfigured the face of Margarito, he proved again that, at least so far, speed trumps size.

Against his largest opponent yet, Pacquiao did what Pacquiao always does: He dipped and danced and fired snatches of checked and spun and landed a veritable combination.

When it ended, Pacquiao had scored his 37th straight victory and the WBC's vacant 134-pound title.

With each round, Margarito's face worsened, as if Pacquiao was painting a brutal beating masterpiece.

It was like this seventh round.

PACQUIAO'S KICK

You again made all Filipinos proud—P-Noy

PRESIDENT Aquino yesterday called up Manny Pacquiao to personally congratulate him for his conquest of Mexican boxer Antonio Margarito, first gave him an unprecedented eighth world crown.

"Pacquiao once again made all Filipinos proud," Mr. Aquino said yesterday after speaking before the Filipino community at Peñon High School in Tokyo, Japan.

The President, who is in Tokyo for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit, was unable to watch the match. At the time he was with other 20 Apec leaders for the last session of the summit.

Mr. Aquino said he was able to speak to Pacquiao just after the latter completed his medical examinations following the fight.

The President said he would be meeting with Pacquiao when the boxing champion comes back from the United States.

Mr. Aquino is scheduled to return home today.

YOU AGAIN MADE



PACQUIAO reacts after his victory (left photo) as his fans wrap it up in one of the public viewing sites in Metro Manila. (right photo) LUCAS

Suu Kyi tells nation: Fight for your rights

RANGOON—Pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi called for freedom of speech in a rally yesterday in Myanmar (Myanmar) on Sunday said urged thousands of supporters to stand up for their rights and not lose heart, indicating she might pursue a political role.

"Democracy is when the people keep a government in check. I will accept the people keeping me in check," she said in her first major address since being freed from seven years of house arrest a day earlier.

Suu Kyi could give Burma a strong pro-democracy voice

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Freedom for Aung San Suu Kyi: 'The power of the powerless'

By Amanda Dorrons

OPPOSITION leader Aung San Suu Kyi walked out of her three-day laborious mission in Bangkok (Bangkok) on Sunday after military leaders released her from seven years of house arrest.

Suu Kyi's release was cheered by demonstrators and their human rights organizations as well as by a documented group of their supporters. But the lives on concrete future in rebuilding the military

justice that has ruled Burma (Myanmar) the past 30 years and in leading her country to democracy.

ANALYSIS

The celebration of her release was surrounded by an ironic tragedy as the slender freedom fighter

Obama to look into travel alert

By Christine O. Arendale

YOKOHAMA, Japan—President Obama yesterday said US President Barack Obama had told him he would look into his complaints about the US travel advisory warning Americans against an immediate return visit to the Philippines.

Mr. Aquino said he was able

to speak with Obama on the sidelines of the 18th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit, which ended yesterday.

"We mentioned to President Obama our displeasure with the US travel advisory and he promised that he would look into it and pleaded for understanding," Mr. Aquino said.

Obama was the second leader that President Aquino had met since over the issue of the travel advisory while attending the Apec forum. The Saturday, he missed the issue with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper during their bilateral talks.

Mr. Aquino has been on the

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Apec free trade zone eyed

By Abigail L. Ho

YOKOHAMA, Japan—Leaders of the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum have agreed to continue pursuing a free trade zone in the region, but acknowledged that "more work remains to be done."

A joint statement issued here yesterday laid out sweeping plans on how to achieve the Bogor Goals of liberalized trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific by 2010 for developed economies and by 2020 for developing economies, including a commitment not to

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Tax informer presses P11-billion reward

By Marlon Ramon

GABRIEL Llaythay may become one of the world's wealthiest men if he could sway the Supreme Court into granting his multi-billion-peso claim against the government.

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Gov't loses control of Kokoy assets

By Leticia B. Salazar

THE GOVERNMENT has lost control of the assets of the late President "Kokoy" Estrada, the brother-in-law of the late President Ferdinand Marcos.

The assets were either registered on suspiciously new 40-gallon...
The Sandiganbayan's 8th division has ordered the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) to enforce the registration of assets and funds of Palisades Holdings Co. Inc. and Palisades Realty Development Corp., which is owned by the family.

Palisades is the brother of "Kokoy" and was, besides Marcos, who is now the representative of Davao Norte.

The government's case against the Palisades companies was dismissed because the law firm failed to file supporting documents to show how these companies were used to acquire Marcos' alleged 40-gallon assets, the anti-graft court said.

In its resolution, the court found no pri-

marily evidence of the 40-gallon assets of the Palisades companies' assets and funds. "Hence, the government's action against said shares of stock and funds should be filed," it said.

It also said the filing of the writs of enforcement did not necessarily mean that the Palisades even lost 40-gallon. It said it was just taking away the control of the PCGG over the assets.

"The effect of the filing of the writs of enforcement...Palisades' shares of stocks and funds will merely be the formal notice of the order of the government to use assets," the document said.

"This means the PCGG would be subject to administrative powers and the Palisades companies and its customers would not be able to use the companies' shares to be able to use their corporate funds," it explained.

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More Palace appointments

PRESIDENT Aquino not only named a House of Representatives official to be chief adviser in the peace process, Antonio Lito, but even gave her another government post.

Lito was named oversight officer of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples in the latest batch of appointments announced by the president's office.

The other key appointments were Freddie S. Thompson, president and chief executive officer of National Power Corp., Cape, Charles Nolas, assistant director general of the Philippine National Insurance Office, and Thelma Joseph Mendez, temporary deputy executive director of the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions.

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Gov't sets aside P400M to restore old church

MISLETTEN for years, the catatonic state of a historic church in Intramuros, Manila, is finally getting attention from the government. About P400 million has been set aside to restore it to its glory like centuries-old buildings. Church, just a stone's throw away from the Rizal Park in Manila, the seat of the Catholic Church in the Philippines. Tourism Secretary Alberto Lim said the planned restoration of the old church, which would later on house national treasures, including artworks, was in accordance with the government's grand plan to spruce up the Spanish Colonial City. "To (restore) lost arts and all we need is an interest for the rest and incentive to house educational art," said Lim, who added that the restored church would become an added attraction to local and foreign tourists to Intramuros.

Lim made the announcement in an interview with Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) News, the Catholic Bishops' official news agency. His statements were posted on the CBCP website yesterday.

Made in 1587

The church was first built in the 16th. San Juan Church in 1587. (Documented by two cartographers in the 17th century, the church was rebuilt in 1679 under the supervision of the Jesuits and became known as the second San Ignacio Church and the Casa Museo of the Jesuit Order.

Completed in 1689, the church, is well-known for its well-designed by Don Felipe Salazar. Sixty years later, however, was finished by the Jesuits and a small gate restored by wrought-iron grille.

In Intramuros highlighted the works of 17th-century masters, especially marble work by Francisco Bustillo and stone fittings on the altar, pulpit, ceiling and floor tiles have been restored by sculptor Roberto Taniguchi and his students.

Iron window replaced by Marston Iron around the facade and metal ornaments. The church was destroyed during the Battle of Manila in 1901, when the structure was burned down by Japanese troops.

Lim also announced that as soon as the church's restoration has been completed, the Intramuros Administration would take over to manage the facility.

Memorandum of agreement

A memorandum of agreement between the Intramuros Administration and the Catholic Bishops' Episcopal Conference on Cultural Heritage may be signed if necessary. Restoration of the church is added.

Intramuros Administration Area Captain, Lt. Col. Don Juan Espinoza would also be involved in the restoration of the church.

He disclosed in CBCP News that the former Central Bank governor, Jaime Lee has turned over church artifacts and artwork to the government, which will be housed in the restored historical structure.

The facility is expected to open its doors to tourists by 2012, with construction set to begin early next year, Espinoza said. *Journalist, Jr.*

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Militants twit Reyes on SC petition

By Marlon Ranao

A MIDEAST transport group has stated before Senate Sen.

senator Joseph Reyes for filing "disparate stories" to claim a congressional seat as party for representatives of 1-10000

Transport Solidarity (1-10000). Group Sen. Mateo, secretary general of the Philippine Congress Solidarity in Transport and Displacement Solidarity (PSTDS) described Reyes' petition for senators and temporarily receiving effect at the Supreme Court (SC) as "nothing but a delaying tactic."

"As a former government official, Reyes should just respect the election laws and stop making disparate stories to join the House of Representatives," Sen. Mateo told the business after his group held a rally in front of the congress compound in Manila last week.

Calling Reyes a "delinquent"—a term for anti-social public utility vehicles—Sen. Mateo said he should submit that "he is not one of us."

"Reyes' past acts... would show that he was never an advocate of the interests of the transport sector," he said. "In fact, he was more of a spokesman for the big oil companies when he was still the transport secretary."

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) has ruled, 4-2, that Reyes was not qualified to represent a congressional district. This prompted Reyes, who held the transportation, defense and energy portfolios during the Aquino administration, to seek a writ from the Supreme Court.

1-10000, in a closed resolution to help dropped Reyes as its first nominee, replacing him with dead-endee former lawmaker. The second nominee, Louie Vigor Mendillo, had already agreed to give way to Mendillo, president of the South Luzon Strait Operations Association.

Because of Reyes' activities, many voters said small drivers and operators of public utility vehicles were being deprived of representation in Congress. "It's really scary to supporting the interests of the transport sector, he must give way to former lawmakers and support the decision of 1-10000," he said.

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Binay wants Pag-Ibig to explain new fund release to developer

By Tereza-Joyas
 Inquirer Correspondent

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Vice President Jejomar Binay wants officials of the Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-Ibig or HDMF) to explain why the agency released P186.99 million to the Globe Asia Realty Holdings Corp. from June to August, despite his order to investigate the firm's alleged housing irregularities in Pangasinana.

Atty. Fulgito, Binay's spokesperson, confirmed the inquiry on Monday to respondents in connection to the recent loan release.

Binay had ordered the probe on Globe's release of P186.99 million to the agency's Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC).

One of HUDCC's members is Pag-Ibig, a state-run savings and shelter agency for eight million workers in government and the private sector.

A new set of documents obtained by the Inquirer showed that Globe Asia took and P41.278 million for 65 accounts in June, P127.151 million for 218 accounts in July and P186.99 million for 22 accounts in August.

Globe Asia facilitated the loan take-up on behalf of supposed home-and-loan buyers who applied for its master under a trail of Pag-Ibig membership and loan through the company.

Accounts

From May 2008 to May 2010, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) disclosed 10,073 accounts for P6,052 million worth of loans, mostly amounting to P50,000 each. The loan releases by Xerox and Xerox Holdings under Pag-Ibig's other Housing Loans (HML) program then averaged P600 million monthly.

Binay's 2008 accounts originated from applicants who were paid to sign restricted loan documents.

The June to August 2010 release also happened although Globe Asia had stopped receiving the monthly amortization of borrowers. Pag-Ibig stopped the firm from collecting amortization on Aug. 18 and ordered all borrowers to pay directly to Pag-Ibig offices or to the Land Bank of the Philippines.

The documents showed Pag-Ibig signed a second memorandum of agreement (MOA) with Globe Asia, authorized the same way terms and released more housing loans despite adverse findings by the agency's Pangasinana office.

The first MOA was signed between Atty. Pag-Ibig chief executive officer (CEO) Ramon Quinsido and Globe Asia president Dennis Lee in June 2008. The second MOA was signed by Pag-Ibig CEO Atty. Fulgito and Lee in July 2009, or four months after Quinsido resigned from Pag-Ibig.

The second MOA was signed although Binay's order. Pag-Ibig's branch manager in Pangasinana, Emilio C. Alarcon, said he was in several letters in March 2009. Copies of the letters were sent to Atty. Fulgito, Binay's vice president for North Luzon operations, and Tereza-Joyas, deputy CEO of the regional operations center.

Unexplained units

Loan releases continued to be released despite Garcia's letters to Binay. Garcia, who reported to Binay, said he was in several letters in March 2009. Copies of the letters were sent to Atty. Fulgito, Binay's vice president for North Luzon operations, and Tereza-Joyas, deputy CEO of the regional operations center.

"Unexplained units" reached 1,521 in Binay's letter to Garcia on May 1 and 284 in Binay's letter to Garcia on May 14.

In December 2009, Globe Asia received from Pag-Ibig P447.149 million, the highest release to date.

Binay's order, which was filed with the Department of Justice, said Globe Asia's officials and employees assigned to every unit "defrauders resulting in the misappropriation of money contributed by the general public."

"In securing funding for the Xerox program, the respondents actually conspired with each other, with the respondents' bad faith, to defraud and defraud the public," Pag-Ibig said in the complaint.

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QUESTIONS are raised over Pag-Ibig's recent release of funds for Globe Asia.

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Firm urged to inspect whole of 117-km pipeline

By Tina S. Santos

MORE problems may be in store for the Lopez-led Firm Philippine Industrial Corp. (FIPC).

Manila-based Mayor Alfredo Benitez has told his council to ask the Metro Manila Council—the policy-making body of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)—to inspect the entire stretch of its pipeline for leaks.

“It is to ensure that the oil leak that happened in Marikina City will not happen in other areas,” he said. Benitez is in a room

phone interview. “Anyway, the composition of the entire pipeline is just the same. From it just one segment of the pipe develops, it’s possible that the same thing could happen in all



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Japan, China, Russia try talks to patch up rifts

TOKYO—Japan, China and Russia are trying to mend fences over long-standing disputes over islands in the East China Sea (see page 10). Japan has agreed to hold talks with China and Russia to discuss the islands. Japan has also agreed to hold talks with China and Russia to discuss the islands. Japan has also agreed to hold talks with China and Russia to discuss the islands.

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US auctions off spoils of Madoff's lavish life

NEW YORK—Auctioneer's work in the days of the late financier Bernard Madoff was in fact no luxury. Thousands of belongings from his New York City penthouse, including his yacht, were sold on the auction block.

An anonymous bidder paid the highest price of the auction, \$100,000, for a 1955-1956 Chevrolet, the car that belonged to Madoff's wife, Rose.

The man who bought a 1964 Ford Mustang, a car that belonged to Madoff's son, was also an anonymous bidder.

Other items sold included a 1964 Ford Mustang, a car that belonged to Madoff's son, and a 1964 Ford Mustang, a car that belonged to Madoff's son.



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MANNY Pacquiao creates a left opponent on a badly beaten Antonio Margarito in their 11th round of their title fight at the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas on Sunday.

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Roach tells Floyd Jr: Put up or shut up

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Should Manny Roach issue a challenge to Floyd Mayweather Jr. Saturday, saying the time has come for the underbelly Americans to decide if he would beat the Filipino in the ring.

Roach has been long considered the prospect of a Pacquiao-Mayweather showdown, if only to decide the mythical title of the world's best pound-for-pound fighter.

"The Mayweather() has got to do something," Roach told reporters after Pacquiao won an eighth round stop in an unprecedented eighth round stop in his beating Mexican Antonio Margarito.

"After this great performance by Manny, Mayweather has to put up or shut up now and move out of the country," said Roach.

'This guy should retire'

"Let's face it, Manny was shown how to win this fight because 11 rounds later he (Mayweather) was dodging Margarito and he wouldn't fight him either if he doesn't fight him now, we know this guy should retire,"

Mayweather had been expected to meet Pacquiao earlier this year until negotiations collapsed over his attorneys' demand for million-dollar buyout. However, those talks then stopped in to take the Filipino place but he was outwitted by Mayweather in a middleweight bout in Las Vegas in May.

That left Mayweather with an unbeaten career record of 21-0 with 20 knockouts, but even then he was reluctant to commit to a mega-fight with

Blood test challenge

"If Manny takes the blood test, we can make the fight happen," said Mayweather. "If he doesn't, we don't have a fight. It's not hard to test me."

Pacquiao declined any talk of a Mayweather fight in the pressroom after imposing his own seven-round to 10-2-2 with 38 knockouts after his controversial points victory over Margarito at Cowboys Stadium.

"The way going to fight anybody as long as there is a problem with the decision of the promoter," the 31-year-old Filipino said. "That's my promoter's job. I'm just a fighter—I do my job and that's hard for the fight."

Two more fights

While his opponent is lined up going forward, Pacquiao has indicated he will fight twice more before retiring from boxing in focus on his burgeoning career in politics.

"I am really happy for what I've done in boxing, and I don't want to get too overwhelmed right now because you have to balance responsibility," he said after claiming the vacant WBC super welterweight title.

"That's why I came (to the ring), because I want to help people by making great fights."

Pacquiao's fight on Saturday (Sunday in Manila) was certainly a good one, and the most dramatic performance by the Filipino Roach had ever witnessed.

"It's the most exciting I have ever seen by Pacquiao, non-stop action and the number of punches landed," he said.

After eight rounds, it was over and it was just a matter of time. Roach's

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PH crashes Asiad medal table

Filipinos bag 2 dancesport bronzes, but defeats pile up

By Francis T.J. Gohes

MANILA—As the losses piled up and forced the Philippine delegation to head forward in the coming competitions in these 16th Asian Games, a couple from a dance team came out to give the country something to cheer about Sunday.

Charles Vergara and Megan Vargas—real-life sweethearts competing in a sport that shares its name, real or individual—brought new faces to the dance sport at the longhorns City gymnasium here.

"This is big because it is the first time a dance team was included in the Asian Games and we gave the Philippines a medal right away," said Vargas, who teamed up with Vergara to win the Latin Standard and Latin Rhythm bronzes in an event dominated by host China.

The Chinese dominated the second day of dancesport, sweeping the 18 golds at stake in the first-time Asiad event, to take its golden haul to 34 in previous ones.

The Philippines, competing with modest goals, badly made it to the medal rally with the two bronze medals.

"There are no words I can say right now but I'm just really really happy," Vergara said.

Fending vets setbacks

The third place finish was a step up from the delegation's earlier two medals in the first day.

The evening continued heady, with a hard-fighting teams team getting the best from top and Chinese legions in the quarterfinals, the newcomers getting knocked off their seats in the heats and the dancers failed to reach the semifinals.

After Yang Yang-Jia tripped three times, Remy 7.6 (5), 7.3, and Dai Xian 7.0 (1.1) the two best scores in the first round, the country's top teams began losing interest in double competition where the country is expected to have better.

The country's talented team also lost

interest in the line of appeal-coaching opposition. Late Saturday night, top pair artist Roberto Gomez and Elena "Bey" Reyes were knocked out of the 10th singles by steady newcomers Indians. Gomez's loss to Rishi Bhatia was most painful. Both were tied at 3 in the 10th to 7th final when Bhatia won.

Valuable experience

Monter Mark Macara Ebrahim 1985 in a field of 52 in the men's 10th singles and qualifying round after a 300 total while Marissa Chaves completed a 300 and second up 410 in the women's 10th.

The good news is Marissa, 18, and Chaves, 18, are first timers in the Asiad and are here to gain valuable experience in major tournaments.

The country's 10th singles, John Batic, scored his in his first match, losing to Kim Se-hun of South Korea while Karen Ann Soliman was top opponent against Lebanon's Louise Bouchard but lost to Bouchard 10-11 in the quarterfinals after losing to Tarek Ayoub of Morocco in the semifinals.

Frank Olympic Junior Bing Larama finished 10th in his loss in the men's 20th singles with a total of 1,500.4, 4.30 seconds behind Russian amateur Josh Babin (1,491.1).

Elena Reyes, meanwhile, finished 10th in the women's 10th individual round, 16 seconds behind her winner 10-Karen of China.

In men's doubles, Mikeo Rodriguez finished 11th in a 70-year-old with a total of 2,003.34, 21 while competing last Gold was 14th after losing 2,017.28, 90.



KAREN ANN SOLIMAN OF THE PHILIPPINES (left) competes against Lebanon's Louise Bouchard in the lifts under 10th class. —



THEAT Fung serves up a show-biz style.

Frank Poyas of Japan topped the event with a total of 2,222.26.

Order sport figure skater won 12th out of 10 in the women's sprint qualifying and was a northbound on the ice for 11:44.44 on Nov. 11.

The country's best skater finally won her final, the same day the delegation received news of Wang Poyas's surprising victory over American Margaret in Dallas, Texas.

Dinner gold medals

The national team, headed by coach, a double Olympic medalist, and a double Olympic medalist, was the country's best skater, with a total of 1,500.4, 4.30 seconds behind Russian amateur Josh Babin (1,491.1).

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"It means it will be disappointing if we don't win it," said.

Vargas said he is hoping that being with his wife at least one gold, especially since Saint Sports has paid nearly \$100 million in financial support to help him, his wife, and his children, while their children have gone off to school, the money helps in order to feed them.

Batistola finally received a Korean team playing under the International Olympic Committee banner due to a suspension of the national Olympic committee by the IOC. His government team won and national coach Rhee Yoon was the team's happy with the result.

"We didn't play the way we expect it," said Vergara after losing in the final. The 10th singles, 7.6 (5) and 7.3, the two best scores in the first round, the country's top teams began losing interest in double competition where the country is expected to have better.

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Dancing sweethearts boost Pinoy hopes

By Francis T.J. Gohes

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With barely a week, Vergara and personal partner Megan Vargas won a trophy of dancesport for the Philippines in the 16th Asian Games, beating their rivals in a series of events in the last round—on the 10th to 7th final when Bhatia won.

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Top seed Taiwanese oust Mamiit & Co.

By Francis TJ. Ochoa

GLASSBORO—Carl Mamiit and Trent Loraud faced David Chiu-hsun Taipei as good as its top billing, absorbing tough losses that eliminated the Philippines in the quarterfinals of men's tennis in the Asian Games here Sunday.

Sing, Young free-balled a game 1 hour in a match that featured strong serve from both players and featured a 7-6, 0-6, 7-6 victory after an hour and 20 minutes.

"I had my chance but he simply played me good," said Mamiit.

Lu Yen-hsun, Taiwan No. 1 player, also played the play on the PH campaign, holding off a strong second set surge by Mamiit to keep a hard-fought 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) victory.

Adrian Panfil and Fabrice Santoni later

scored a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Taiwanese youngsters Chen Yi and Yi Chiu-hsun in a consolation doubles match.

"They certainly looked like he would have called a victory over Yang as he reached the Taiwanese draw sheet, serve he serve and break the break-for-the set, which needed a referee to decide."

"I guess it may have done me there, but there (Chen) happens," said Chen, who was beaten in the 1/16 game of the second set before Yang held on to force one to the match.

Mamiit looked defeated at the start as Lu, who played worldwide tournaments after losing Andy Roddick in an ATP tournament, captured the first set with ease.

"I think after the first set, he thought he was going to have an easy time and he missed a lot," said the top Philippine player.

World-class field sinks PH triathlon athletes



PH triathlete's Nikko Bryan Pineda keeps the water during the swim's conclusion.

GLASSBORO—The two Filipino triathletes to crash the big 10 in the men's triathlon of the Asian Games were by Japanese Naoki Hasebe at the University of the Philippines in the Philippines here Sunday.

Hasebe took the gold within time of 1 hour 12 minutes and 15 seconds after a poor start in the swim leg, leaving teammate Pineda with a 15-minute lead over 23 seconds.

Seventeen-year-old former triathlete Nikko Pineda placed 11th and runner Neil Corti was 14th as they joined the growing list of Filipino "triathletes" in the Games.

Hasebe clocked 2:01:30.09, 10th minutes and 37 seconds behind the gold medalist in the first round race. Corti finished 2:03:28.

Hasebe, a marketing manager, resided at La Salle, was 13th after the swim leg and 15th in the bike leg before rallying in the run leg to finish four places in the final round.

Corti, 34, also needed a strong run to clinch one spot in the final ranking. He was out third after the swim and bike legs.

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Payback time for Smart Sports

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Boxers eye at least an Asiad gold

MANILA (AP) — As the 15th Asian Boxing Championships in the Philippines begins, the Philippine boxing team is looking for a gold medal in the 15th Asian Boxing Championships.

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PH five coach vows better game vs Iran

By June Maras

MANILA (AP) — After a tough loss to Iran in the final game of the Asian Basketball Championship, the Philippine national basketball team coach vowed to lead his team to a better performance in the final game.

"We didn't play the way we expected," said the national head coach after the Philippine team's 76-65 loss to Iran in the final game of the Asian Basketball Championship.

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Binarao lifts QC batters past Cebu in thriller

By Marc Anthony Reyes

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Wesley, Joey split first two chess matches

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PH cagebelle look beyond Seaba triumph

Discovery Perlas ng Pilipinas five seeks more int'l glory next year



ACE Adriano (right) in attack off a Thai defender in the first game action.

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PHILIPPINE women's basketball team hoped to take its victory in the Southeast Asian Basketball Association (Seaba) as a springboard for future Asian endeavors.

After nicknamed Discovery Perlas ng Pilipinas, the national cagebelle will be heading for a prominent debut in the FIBA Asia tournament in Japan in August next year then shoot for a first ever Southeast Asian Games title in Indonesia later in the year.

Team manager Cynthia Yu has already outlined her support for the nationals, who defeated Thailand for the Seaba title.

"That is my intention. We continue supporting the team," said Yu.

"I'm really glad they did well in the game."

Head coach Tingler Ong said she may tweak the lineup for next year's tournament.

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Both Yu and Ong are confident the team's fighting spirit will remain intact.

"I never had any doubt that we would win the gold," said Yu.

"The girls showed it in their hearts and minds. Looking back, they were champions."

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Appleby bags Aussie Masters; Woods ends season winless

MELBOURNE, Australia—David Appleby sealed a career-high triumph at home by winning the Australian Masters on Monday, edging from a one-shot deficit with three on his last two holes for an under-180.

Appleby finished in a 36-hole put for the 18-hole victory in the field, took the lead with a 25-hole for 66 in the 37th and closed with a two-put for 66 for a one-shot victory.

Three Woods closed out his year with his best score, a 6-under 65 to at least get his name on the leaderboard for the first time this season. The 36-year-old, who has a 10-hole lead in the field, took the lead with a 25-hole for 66 in the 37th and closed with a two-put for 66 for a one-shot victory.

Heat's LeBron James powers past Toronto Raptors' Josh Johnson for a win

MIAMI—LeBron James scored 31 points, LeBron James added 23 points and 11 rebounds and the Miami Heat ended a four-game losing streak in the NBA with a win over the Toronto Raptors, 100-80, on Saturday night.

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Heat sizzle, rip Raptors

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Pacquiao triumph for the ages

By Ray Gutierrez

MANILA, TODAY—Middleweight may have been undisputed with Antonio Margarito's skills, but the four-time Division of the Year product (the heart) of The Mexican Three-time champion.

"We have a great fighter tonight," said coach "Pacquit" put up a great performance and Pacquiao showed a lot of heart. It was very exciting."

The word that Margarito continued to fight even though he was clearly being outboxed by Pacquiao.

Coach had always believed that Margarito would be an easy foe for the great man.

The boxing Hall of Famer predicted that Margarito wouldn't get past eight rounds, even saying that the fight could end right in the first round.

Margarito proved himself wrong.

Coach also stated that Margarito might have earned because Pacquiao was "very compassionate."

Pacquiao, his right hand swollen from the heavy pounding, was knocked unconscious after the Mexican's early dose and head dropped from his chin.

But coach and Pacquiao delivered a successful performance for the ages.

He was so impressed by Pacquiao's performance that he said the day before could beat any other fighter of



MANNY Pacquiao says condition defeats Margarito's late with a right cross.

He was the destined to compete Pacquiao on the sport's greatest names, though.

"It's hard to imagine anyone who even was such a star," said coach.

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Pacquiao: Margarito one tough customer

By Ray Lucena

GRANVILLE, TEXAS—While he seemed to have a steady rhythm, Antonio Margarito's face showed signs of the power being by a full-body onslaught by Manny Pacquiao.

During a brief pause that stretched his broken momentum, Margarito's face showed signs of the power being by a full-body onslaught by Manny Pacquiao.

Adrian Hernandez, Pacquiao's trainer, emerged from the encounter with a swollen right hand, the result of pounding Margarito with a series of heavy punches.

Continuing the fight wasn't easy as evidenced by trainer Freddie Roach, who instructed Margarito's strength.

"This is the toughest fight of my boxing career," Pacquiao said during the postfight conference at the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Tex. "Margarito is very big and strong."

Judge J. Lopez said Pacquiao was winning all rounds for 120-100. Glen Grunwald gave Margarito the sixth and eighth round for 120-100, and Schellinger gave him the

eleventh and twelfth for 120-100. The judges also scored it 120-100.

Margarito entered the ring at 180 pounds, gaining 15 lb in 23 hours after coming in at an exact 150 during the weigh-in Friday for the WBC super welterweight championship.

Pacquiao fought on 145 from 144 lb during the weigh-in.

The additional weight showed down later, giving Pacquiao a more powerful attack.

"He got me with a body shot in the sixth, the body to make me hurt," said the trainer, who improved his record to 32-2 with 28 knockouts.

Pacquiao said he felt that he had the fight under control after the first two rounds, which he dominated, and the third when he walked Margarito with combinations to

the head and body.

Though he dominated Margarito, Pacquiao was impressed with his toughness.

Later rounds would have shown that intent as early as the 10th, but the Mexican, trying to reduce Mexican pride and regain his reputation, simply did not quit.

He was an underdog but gave Oscar De La Hoya, Miguel Cotto and Joshua Clottey who overcame to remain undefeated when Pacquiao was promoting them hard.

Unable to take the force exchange of punches, Margarito's mother, along with his wife, who was watching live from the first time, started late in the bout.

NOTES—2-year-old son of the national anthem, representative in a red suit, singing for at the stage, wearing the Philippine flag, was the only one to sing the national anthem.

Tijuana Tornado too proud to quit

By Ray Lucena

GRANVILLE, TEXAS—As soon as the final bell sounded, Antonio Margarito, struggling to keep his balance on a wobbly foot, made the sign of the cross.

His trainer, Robert Garcia, walked to meet and embrace him.

His words were exchanged, but the cross was easy to interpret.

Margarito was shocked to be hit by the full 12-round fight. Manny Pacquiao still up on his feet. Garcia, on the other hand, was proud of the gallant though vain, tried to get up by the time the fight was over.

For experts, Margarito suffered a beating that "Manny" would never be able to beat.

A Juan Marquez trainer said the man known as the Tijuana Tornado could hardly speak, unwilling to clear his throat in the dugout, where a physician was

waiting for him.

Margarito, his right eye now closed, and with one on the other side, had to be stitched up right then and there as he staggered down the boxing stairs.

Then, after a brief rest, Margarito was rushed to a nearby hospital for a mandatory checkup.

Margarito took a lot of punishment from Pacquiao, who peppered him with 411 power shots that may be enough to knock down a man.

Living up to his reputation as a punching machine, Pacquiao accumulated an average of 24 power shots per round, which is 21 more than the average thrown in the super welterweight division when they fought.

Margarito, using his long arms and given the opportunity by Pacquiao, was able to land some power punches himself, registering an 115 of 312 shots.

He scored one knock-out in the 10th round. He landed 42 of 52 power shots in round five for an astounding combination of 80 percent.

Proving that he is too fast for the 154-pounder, Pacquiao also landed in 42 of 52 power shots in the 10th, 11th and 12th of 115 in the 10th, when Margarito's corner was contemplating on throwing in the towel.

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THE BATTLES: (Top) Manny Pacquiao celebrates his victory over Antonio Margarito. (Bottom) Antonio Margarito looks downcast after the fight.

Mommy D passes out in mid-clash

GRANVILLE, TEXAS—Manny Pacquiao's mother, Donata, suffered an apparent heart attack during her son's title fight against Antonio Margarito, according to trainer Freddie Roach.

Donata was among Pacquiao's supporters sitting in the stands for the world title fight at Cowboys Stadium.

Pacquiao said at the post-fight press conference that he had been told his mother was feeling better.

"She's OK now," Pacquiao said. "Thank Freddie Roach and Donata early morning Manny fight and both of them are back up to hospital."

"It is the second time in hospital," he said.

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MANNY Pacquiao makes the country's colors after defeating Antonio Margarito in their WBC super welterweight title fight. Behind him is Senator Manny Pacquiao's mother.

Ariza wants Pacman to give Marquez another crack

By Ramon Hernandez and Ray Lucena

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which prevented him from seeing the punch of Pacquiao, who looked at the referee as if to ask for a stoppage.

"This is a sport and sometimes you get to stop the fight because there is no need for a fight to take the kind of a beating. This is the worst situation I've ever seen," he said.

Pacquiao's supporters erupted after the fight. He said he would like to see Pacquiao fight Manny Pacquiao again.

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Arum: I have never seen a fighter like Manny

By Ray Lucena

GRANVILLE, TEXAS—Every time I see a fight, he keeps getting better. This was the reaction by trainer Freddie Roach after watching Manny Pacquiao's victory over Antonio Margarito on Tuesday (Tuesday in Manila) to his shocker for the WBC super welterweight championship.

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PACQUIAO and Mayweather in a fierce exchange of blows in their 10th.

Pacquiao victory for Arum's son

By Greg Bishop
New York Times

UNPREDICTABLE — Inside a modest hotel conference room promising another fight, both men appeared in strange form. The only difference, it should be noted, involved the two men's physical condition. Pacquiao, 34, was still in shape of the 10th fight, while Mayweather, 35, was not.

Arum remains a man of his word. Two days before the fight, he told Mayweather that he would be in the ring. Mayweather, who was in the ring of the 10th fight, was still in shape of the 10th fight, while Mayweather, 35, was not.

When he came out in the ring, he was in the ring of the 10th fight, while Mayweather, 35, was not. He was in the ring of the 10th fight, while Mayweather, 35, was not.

"When you have a child, I don't see why anybody calls you, you are just a piece of your own life," Arum said. "I do not see why you are not in the ring."

Arum is one of boxing's great promoters, charming and polite, intelligent and slick, and sometimes all of that at once. Over the years, he has promoted Muhammad Ali, George Foreman, Don De La Hoya and now Pacquiao, a 10th fight of boxing history. He has been in the ring of the 10th fight, while Mayweather, 35, was not.

Yes, in the last few months, Arum has called into an entirely different role, one not usually associated with boxing promotion: that of a professional fighter.

His son was coming to him from a boxing gym in the Philippines. He was in the ring of the 10th fight, while Mayweather, 35, was not. He was in the ring of the 10th fight, while Mayweather, 35, was not.

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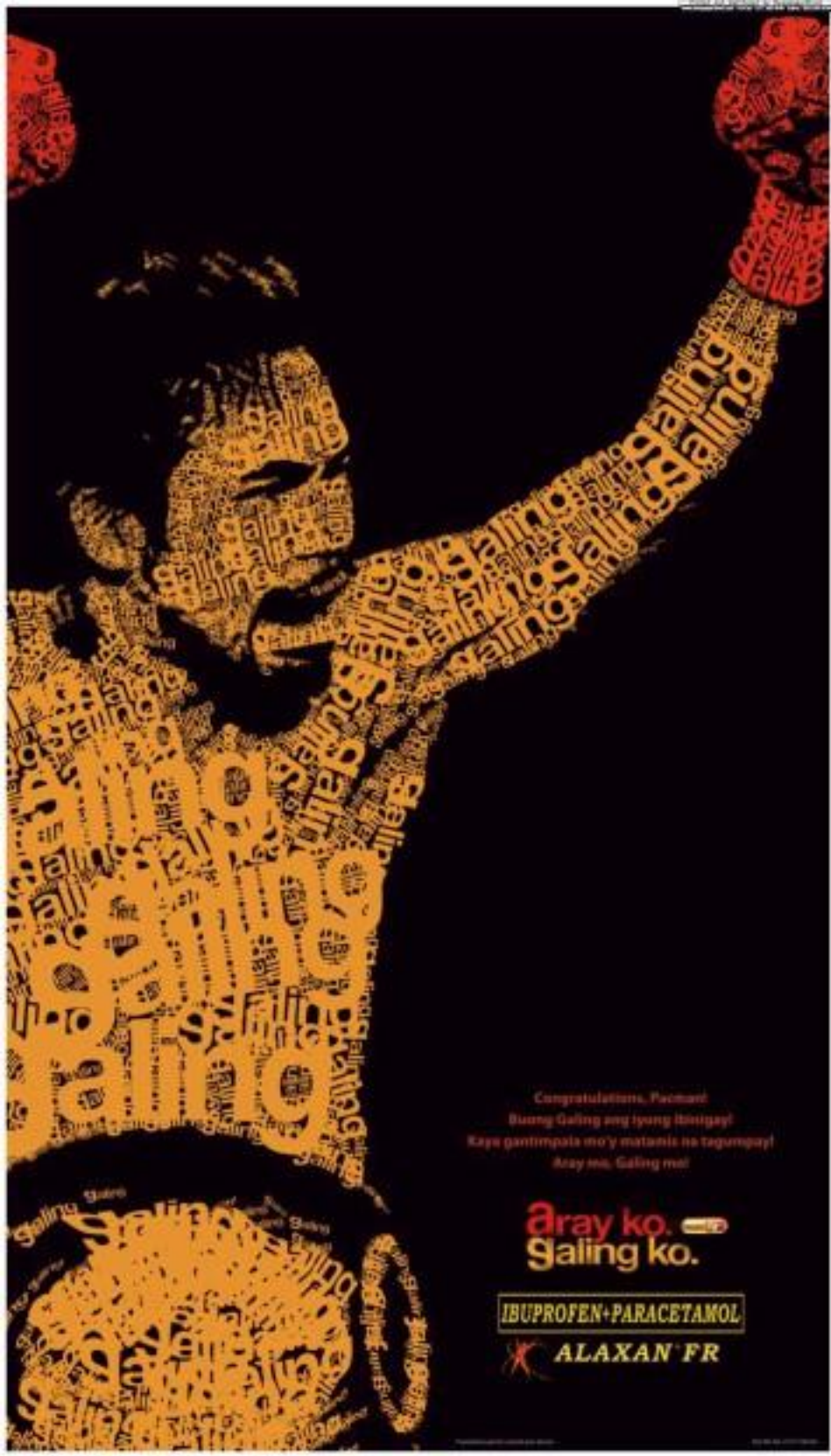
Mixed fortunes for Laurente, Elorde in Pacman undercard

By Ray Laurente


GRANDPHE, known as Dennis Laurente and Mike Mayman, arrived in the ring, but Juan Alberto "Shit" Elorde failed to his first international fight Saturday (Sunday in Manila) in the undercard of the Manny Pacquiao vs. Mayweather fight at the Mandalay Bay Hotel in Las Vegas. Elorde, 35, was in the ring of the 10th fight, while Mayweather, 35, was not.

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Metro Pac unit to bid on 2 big PPP projects

Toll roads worth P22.3B to be offered in 2011

By Dennis C. Duran
and Photo G. Placencia

THE TOLL road unit of infrastructure group Metro Pacific Investments Corp. is keen on bidding on two new major road projects with a combined project cost of P22.3 billion due to emerge this priority infrastructure projects to be offered by the Aquino administration under a public-private partnership (PPP) framework.

The first is the Cebu-Lapasan (Cebu) Expressway that will link the South Luzon Expressway in the Manila-Cebu Coastal Road and the second is the proposed Ninyo Aquino International Airport road connecting the airport to the Coastal Road. Metro Pacific Investments Corp. president Ramon Fernandez said he is a recent interview.

He said there were two projects that MPIC would like to participate in among the list

of priority PPP projects of the government. Fernandez said he was keen on attending the country's PPP forum this week to learn more about the government's plans.

Based on the estimates of the Department of Public Works and Highways, the project cost of the two toll roads being considered by MPIC, the P22.3-billion Cebu-Lapasan Expressway (Davao side section) will cost about P13.3 billion while the Manila Expressway (Phase II) will cost P9 billion.

The Cebu Expressway is a 27.5-kilometer, six-lane road project that aims to provide direct access between and linking various economic zones in Cebu and Naga, Misamis Oriental ports and the Butuan port. It also aims to decongest traffic along Cebu roads, particularly on Ayudaya Highway. It is the extension of the Manila-Cebu Coastal Expressway between north and south in Marikina.

On the other hand, the Ninyo Expressway project provides direct access to the National L. 2 and 3 by linking the Skyway and the Coastal Road. It is a four-lane elevated expressway with a total length of 10 kilometers.

The DPWH intends to bid out both projects by 2011.

'Quintessential' example

During a briefing last week, MNC chair Manuel V. Pangilinan also pointed out that the group considered proposed for a P25-billion project to link North Luzon Expressway and South Luzon Expressway was a "quintessential" example of a PPP project. This initiative would provide a solution to a traffic challenge, wherein MNC as a project can reach the low alternative offer.

The group plans to build an 8-kilometer Harbor Link toll road that will connect the Area of Study to the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) and the 13.5-km General A. Araneta Expressway (GAP) toll road. The project will link the Harbor Link to Skyway, in turn reducing travel time between NLEX and GAP to 15 minutes. The two projects are targeted for completion by 2014-2015.

Pangilinan stressed the group was keen on the development of a city located for the Iskogrupo Management International Airport. However, he said this would all depend on the government's plans for the area.

Meanwhile, Pangilinan and Manila North Harbor Expressway (MNH) plans to spend around P1 billion in capital expenditure in 2011 for the construction of new projects and the improvement of existing roads.

Close to half of the spending will go to the construction starting last year of the road linking North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) and Manila port area in the Tondo district, according to MNHC president Benjamin Fernandez.

The road will connect NLEX to the Alabang Highway. The project, which is known as the Harbor Link Road, will eventually link to the planned Cebu Road... the southern highway from the port area to the Metro Manila Skyway.

The company plans to spend around P300 million for the improvement of current services at NLEX, the only road that is currently operating. The rest of the cash will be spent for the development of the Subic-Bay Area Expressway (SBAX), which the company expects to take over by early next year.

Last June, MNC secured the contract to lease, manage, operate, and maintain the following infrastructure with toll road, airport and expressway: Baguio and Baguio Development Authority.

MNC already runs SCTEX, an express toll road, through subsidiary Tollways Philippines Corp.

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ABS-CBN to spend P5B on digital TV rollout

Sees ratings boost in areas outside Metro Manila

By Mrs. Y. Nicholas

HD-CNR 1200 is prepared in special FI film as FI film on a non-transmittable substrate. Digital TV uses of its priority programs start this year.

"We made some very obvious, life-or-death calls on the spot," AMO-CEN chief James H. Williams told reporters following an analysis briefing.

"This would be enough to launch digital TV in selected areas outside Metro Manila where MNCN has faced problems."

Digital TV is designed to deliver improved image and sound quality and more programming options to viewers. As with HDTV, experts also agree, could have a significant impact, particularly by addressing age-

ALL-CORE figured out that when it enjoys the same signal strength as other networks in a given area, ALL-CORE tended to use the

Does taking up will guide ABC-CEO on how aggressively it would expand the rollout.

"I think five years would be [enough] but if the initial launch is successful enough, we can implement the program more aggressively. The five years may be cut to just two to three years," Hubbard says.

The budget includes provisions for an pay raise, which covers of analog TV service to allow the enjoy digital TV programs.

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The networks are waiting for the MTC:

since the implementing rules and regulations for DTT in digital television service is currently being rolled out their respective digital TV program.

Analysts said that digital TV could be the new battleground in the ratings war between established and emerging television networks as more options open up for viewers.

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Obama says US, Asia to benefit from more trade

US leader on a mission to create more jobs for anxious Americans

MANILA, AP—Appealing for broader access to fast-growing markets in Asia, President Barack Obama says the United States is in the Pacific region to stay and that both sides will benefit from stronger trade relationships.

On a mission to help create jobs at home, Obama noted that while US exports to the region have increased by more than 60 percent in the last five years, competition has cut into the US share of trade there.

"We want to change that," Obama declared in a speech Thursday in a regional economic summit.

The president hopes to double US exports within five years and wants selling more goods to Asian as one way to help more than 60 million Americans find new jobs while simultaneously creating new jobs for Americans.

India, the first of four countries Obama visited last week and a fast-growing nation to boot, has a population of more than 1 billion people.

As the same rises, Obama said, healthy competition doesn't require relationships between and among nations.

"There's no need to close trade, commerce or economic growth as zero-sum games," he said. "If we work together, and act together, strengthening our economic interests for a win-win for all of our nations."

Obama was there about his mission for creating jobs.

"For America, this is a job strategy," he said, "before sending off members showing that every \$1 billion in exports supports 3,000 jobs at home."

In fact, he said the flow of US goods in Asia-Pacific nations will give those economies, many of which are enjoying higher standards of living, more options to choose from when they go shopping.

"We are invested in your success because it's essential to us ours. We have a stake in your future because our destiny is shared," Obama said. "It was a Japanese poet who said, 'In truth, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.' It is true that with the billions of people whose lives are linked in the melting cauldron of the Pacific."

MANILA, P-I



US PRESIDENT Barack Obama (left) shakes a salute in meeting with Prime Minister Julia Gillard (right) of Australia at the sidelines of The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders summit in Washington. Obama visited Australia as a top player in the Asian economy as he takes the role with Prime Minister Julia Gillard and landed her in Washington next year.

GM has orders for \$60 billion in stock

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A tablet Pinoys may want to chew on

Local PC maker Redfox introduces slate that runs on Windows

By Rapael P. Gomez

AFTER APPLE released the now popular iPad in April, big PC brands such as Samsung and Dell quickly followed suit and came up with their own tablet devices, providing consumers with more choices.

Local PC maker Redfox Technology Inc. recently joined the tablet crowd by developing the Wipad—a device powered by Intel's i3 or i5 Atom processor (Intel clocked at 1.6 GHz).

The Wipad runs on Windows 7 Home operating system.

Running at P11,999, the Wipad features a 19-inch LED Super IPS capacitive touch screen panel boasting of 1280 x 720 pixels resolution.



It is rather thin slat (27.1x17x1.43 mm), it comes with the same number of ports found in regular notebooks—USB 2.0 ports, a mini USB port, a mini SD slot, audio and microphone jack.

It can also accept a 3.5-inch hard drive (30 GB) and high-speed data access at 3G.

WIPAD is a full PC system that fits in a small tablet device.

It has a 1.3 MP Web camera, Windows, 16 GB solid state drive, and WPA1 Wi-Fi.

Similar to other tablet PCs, the Wipad has a 3.5-inch for economic price of access control, since the device is held vertically or horizontally.

It is running on a Windows

tablet OS, the Wipad lacks multi-touch features as the operating system has limited functions when it comes to touchscreen features. The user will not be able to zoom in and out with pinch or longer with gestures and

This makes the Wipad more like a notebook having a touchscreen display rather than a tablet device like the iPad or Samsung's Galaxy Tab, that gives users extraordinary user experience enhanced by light and touch sensors.

also operating systems like Android or iOS. It, apart from dedicated mobile applications, runs like the Apple Store and the Market.

The according to Redfox officials, the Wipad is really a fully functional PC system that has been designed to fit in a small case, such as a tablet device.

The product development full PC system features in a tablet with all the usual PC or notebook features, such as personal computing, a book reader, multimedia playback and mobile Internet.

Redfox, the first Philippine manufacturer of PC systems, has its own assembly operations and research facility here. It can localizing and expanding its product line, particularly in consumer electronics products.

It has introduced its own version of the ebook reader called the Wipad (P11,999), which features a 19-inch LED Super IPS capacitive touch screen panel with 1280 x 720 pixels resolution.

The device, which runs at P11,999, features a built-in TV tuner, turning the PC into a television in an instant.

Western Digital launches SATA hard drive with capacity of up to 3 TBs

WESTERN DIGITAL (WD) recently began the distribution of SATA hard drives tested to have the largest capacity in the world.

WD's latest addition to its Center Green family of SATA hard drives promises to deliver up to 3 terabytes (TB) of storage capacity in a single drive.

WD leads the industry in capacity for SATA hard drives by utilizing 720 GB per platter technology and Advanced Format (AF) technology.

With Center Green drives, WD introduces storage solutions that use WD GreenPower Technology, which reduces power consumption by reducing heat-generating energy usage for increased reliability, while decreasing mechanical noise for quiet operation.

The WD Center Green 2.5 TB and 3 TB hard drive are designed for use in secondary external storage and next-generation PC storage to help lead the industry.

Drives with capacities as large as 2.5 TB use only power, less than 10 W, for desktop, laptop and server.

To satisfy the new set of requirements, which means more to store in a smaller space, the larger capacity

hard support for large capacity drives.

"WD remains a leader of hard drive capacity and low power innovation. With our WD Center Green drives, we enable energy-conscious consumers to build systems with the highest capacities that drive the optimal balance of system performance, reduced reliability and energy consumption," said

Jim Kuroki, executive vice president and general manager of WD's direct systems storage group.

"Customers will be able to take advantage of this breakthrough capacity right now for secondary external storage up to 3 TB on Microsoft Vista or Windows 7 platform."

WD Center Green 2.5 TB hard drive and 3 TB hard drive are now available in the Philippines in select retailers and distributors.

The WD Center Green 2.5 TB hard drive results at 10,700 watts the 3 TB hard drive rate for P12,300.

WD Center Green hard drive is covered by a three-year limited warranty.

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Microsoft tailors Office suite for Mac users

LOOKING FOR a full feature office application for a Mac device? You don't need to go to the store or ask friends to lend you a hand.

The Microsoft Office for Mac 2011 will come in available versions of IT products distributed by B&B.

The Microsoft Office for Mac 2011 provides the same features and services that are found in Microsoft Office for Windows. Microsoft has been adding a few more tools for creation of professional content.

The software's new features, which are not present in previous Office suites for Mac, include photo editing, full screen view, ribbon interface, cloud-based editing, template gallery, dynamic monitoring, and Microsoft Outlook 2011 for the home and business editions only.

Two editions will also be available—Office for Mac Home and Student 2011 and Office for Mac Home and Business 2011.

The Office for Mac Home and Stu-

dent 2011 provides core productivity applications that Mac users want to use most, including Word for Mac, PowerPoint for Mac, Excel for Mac and OneNote for Mac. It will be available in two packages—a single in retail and a Family Pack with three in retail.

Those with Mac Home and Student edition can upgrade to Office for Mac Home and Business 2011 through online upgrade.

Support P-Gomez

BitDefender offers protection to Facebook users

By Rita T. Chikondo

AS DISSEMINATING member of cyber-spies recently hit social networking sites, BitDefender has unveiled its new 2012 million users.

For users of the site may now access to BitDefender, an award-winning provider of innovative Internet security solutions.

Built-in controls

Although Facebook itself has built-in privacy controls, BitDefender has an application that further protects users from information leaks, e-mails, and infected content. BitDefender's desktop application is a sophisticated scanning technology, the company said, in a secure way to protect users.

BitDefender's tools remain to be available to users looking for a safe social networking experience.

Through a simple interface, BitDefender's desktop application

checks the user's privacy levels and identifies personal information that is visible to strangers.

Scanning the 'wall'

It also scans the user's "wall," message inbox and comments for malicious links and compromised content like videos and photos.

"We don't think a large number of people don't understand how much personal information they're sharing with the world. The BitDefender desktop app makes it easy to identify what's shared and make the necessary changes," said Caroline Cross, head of the BitDefender Online Threat Lab.

Using user-specific malware detection, the BitDefender desktop app prevents users from installing and other threats that spread through messages, wall posts and videos.

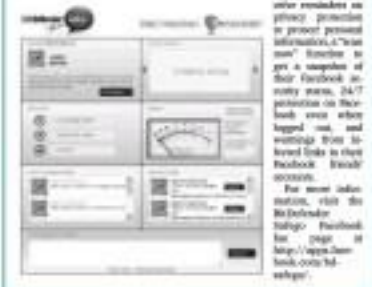
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Upon installing BitDefender desktop app, users will receive reminders on privacy protection in proper personal information. A "view now" function to get a snapshot of their Facebook activity status, 24/7.

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For more information, visit the BitDefender website at www.bitdefender.com.

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IP Converge, Sybase tie up for data replication service

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY and telecommunications company IP Converge Data Center Inc. (IPConverge), a subsidiary of publicly listed IPG Corp., recently announced its partnership with global IT industry leader Sybase, a SAP company through local arm Sybase Philippines Corp.

The partnership will pave the way for a new managed data center for Philippine businesses.

A customer will have office data replication services to local enterprise, facilitating disaster recovery and replicating data security.

With clients now tapping into highly promotional services are of the most importance.

The disruption of business operations due to infrastructure events may result in catastrophe for any organization.

At IPConverge and Sybase believe that this is the right time to introduce data replication services in the Philippines. Data replication services involve the synchronization of data between a central database and a backup database.

A customer's central database may be located either at the customer's premises (primary location), while a backup database may be located at an IPConverge (secondary location).

The service is powered by Sybase's MobiLink and Replicator

server applications.

These primary and secondary locations are linked by dedicated connections, thereby allowing the synchronization of the central and backup databases.

The end result is a complete, secure, and robust data replication system designed according to a customer's specific requirements for data redundancy and information security.

"MobiLink is intended for two-way synchronization of data between a central consolidated database and a large number of remote databases. A combination of various requirements or services may be required, making it well suited for a variety of

applications," says Maide Haddad, managing director and chief operating officer of Sybase in the Philippines.

"Customers can be assured that vital business activities are available at all times in business services, accuracy, consistency, availability and recoverability of data. It also continues to ensure that customers are not interrupted by their customers as well."

According to Haddad, this partnership for product development of IPConverge, customers may consider the data replication services to be highly reliable, consistent, and low-cost as there is no need to invest in hardware, software or management.

Sybase is an industry leader in deliv-

ering enterprise and mobile software to manage, analyze and optimize information. It is recognized globally as a performance leader, proven in the most data-intensive industries and across all major systems, networks and devices.

The IPConverge Data Center is a fully-qualified, certified, international Internet data center facility located and operated by IPConverge. It provides a variety of services, data and network security, disaster recovery, business continuity and a host of other managed services and customized facilities that meet specific customer needs. It is IPConverge's core competency and main line of business.

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Do firms really understand what consumers value in terms of service?

By Princess Daisy C. Oringo

JUST FIVE years ago, Asia appeared to most Westerners to be nothing more than a region of overpriced, big-city hotels and crowded streets.

Big-city hotels and crowded streets were once more the norm. Asian cities were once the domain of the World Trade Organization (WTO), while India was still an emerging market.

But that was five years ago. In a short span of time, Asia, rapidly developing and increasingly understood by the global financial elite, has emerged as a haven for investors.

And as Asian governments, competition for Asia's growing consumer market, gets more intense.

The Asian consumer market has evolved immensely. Asian firms getting richer, it is getting more educated, and spending more frequently. Companies need to stand out from all the competitors across the Asian market.

Asian firms have the means to speed, and companies are scrambling to catch up to their needs. One prevalent way to attract customers is by offering outstanding customer service.

But do companies really understand what consumers value in terms of service? To identify the gaps between what consumers believe customer service and what companies actually look for, DHL conducted a study by the Economics Intelligence Unit (EIU) based on two surveys conducted in 10 markets across Asia. Over 100 senior executives and almost 700 consumers served as respondents.

Changes in Asian consumer market:

According to the study, the Asian consumer market has evolved as follows:

- Asian cities are richer;
- People are enjoying better mobile and internet connectivity; and,
- Asian are more widely traveled and exposed to the outside world.

As a result of these changes, the wants and needs of Asian consumers have changed dramatically. Of the executives surveyed, 92 percent believe customer expectations of service quality have risen in the past five years.

Conventional theory suggests that, as people get richer, the more they demand better service. But this has not been the case in Asia. Some believe that this is due to consumers having more information on the products they buy.

With the increase in internet connectivity, Asian have gained greater access to goods and services. Consumers may even communicate with companies without needing to visit them and get immediate responses.

Rising consumer service expectations, therefore, are driven more by information and comparisons, not necessarily by higher income.

More than half of companies surveyed agreed that customer service is a competitive advantage only after development of their own product. This indicates that companies in Asia are not putting enough emphasis on customer service.

In fact, a third of respondents say that they invest in customer service only when the need arises. Also, many companies believe that investment in customer service is worthwhile only in high-end or luxury services.

Wrong idea

There are countries where companies seem to have the wrong idea of what their customers really want. For instance, in Australia, an average consumer is willing to pay more for good customer service. But the average Australian firm does not think so.

On the other hand, an average Japanese firm believes that its customers are willing to pay more for good service, but the average Japanese consumer thinks otherwise. Malaysian respondents think that the higher the value of the purchase, the better the service they expect. The average Malaysian firm, however, does not realize this, and will believe the price is more important than service.

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Fall off the usual pattern.

In the realm of ancestral shadows



An orgy of installations by Australian and Filipino artists is crawling up and down the UP Vargass Museum.

By Constantino C. Tejero

EVER SINCE Conceptual Art pioneer Roberto Chabet resigned his post as the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts in the 1970s, his artistic offspring have been filling up the art galleries and museums of Metro Manila with industrial waste and detritus.

Forget heavy-duty theory and fine print—the message is all in fact, the idea expressed by the finished product is in itself the art.

It all goes back to Duchamp in the first quarter of the last century, but it took several decades before it became a global phenomenon. And it took someone like Chabet to aggressively push it in the country.

The abandoned young artist whose works had what he called "a resonance, a swelling away from the past and familiar modes of art-making." This translated to the local art world the cult of ideas over form, and opened a floodgate of creative impulses where anything went, which means gallery goers found creative provocations and occasionally battles.

One of, of course, the Environment Art as envisioned by Allan Kaprow in the '60s, when he argued for "the abandonment of craftsmanship and permanence in the fine arts," and advocated the incorporation of portable materials.

Dismissing this kind of recycling, as well, naturalists, is seen by those who adhere to it as "the classic lightning garden of a receding landscape as the signifier of anti-durability art." The chemistry student figure is an artist may not be those who were not added to him per se, but they could, or have been, materialized, into, and compositions.

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TO BE launched in the Philippines this month is "DragonTales," a new musical produced by Asia On Stage that brings together the best creative minds of the Philippines and Singapore.

"DragonTales" is directed by Jonsson Choy, a Singaporean director responsible for the critically acclaimed "Whisper in the Tempest" which won the Best Director in the 2008 SBS Life Theater Awards. The music is composed and arranged by multi-awarded Filipino composer Jeremy Perpetua. The cast of the show's 18 actors are Filipinos, most of whom are active names in the theatre and television industries today: Kallie Aguilera, Bianca Michel, Miguel Tancongco, Rie Garcia, Meana Raposo, Lea Ilustrado, Carina Manalita, Joel Manalita and several others.

Playing a key role as Milo is Gino Kato, a performer, choreographer and actor who is in his native Singapore.

Besides its top-notch cast, the show also features original Asian music, dance and drama. The cast will be in English, but on strong Asian storytelling will be seen to depict mythical and magical moments, spectacular effects and fight scenes, and a story that highlights dominant Asian values such as family, tradition, community and kind love.

The story revolves around a struggling writer, Milo who tells the tale of a magical Dragon Realm where his two other sons, a young, impetuous dragon, Dragon (Gino Kato), and his long-lost half brother, Xia Long (Joel Manalita) fight to claim the dragon throne. Their battle to restore the greatness of their family's past and the huge secret of the Dragon Realm.

"DragonTales" runs at the First Theatre Centre on Sun 17-18, Dec 4-5, 10 a.m.; Nov 24-25, Dec 5-6, 2 p.m.; Dec 26 and Dec 27, 7-9 p.m. Call 5471586, 8917156/778 or 0915-5657538, e-mail dragontales@asiaonstage.com.sg.



PHOTO: Manalita in Xia Long

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IBAY'S PORTRAITS

The face as autobiography

By **Cid Reyes**
Contributor

A MAN'S face is his autobiography. A woman's face is her work of fiction," that declared the great Irish wit and playwright Oscar Wilde.

A noted observer of human and social life, he saw tragedy in the comic richness of humanity, and vice versa. Across the schisms, the American painter and Visualizer Ralph Waldo Emerson remarked: "In each face, even in the low square features of the slave, lie the seeds of all his history and his future." Indeed, since time immemorial, the human face has held the greatest fascination. Upon the visage can be seen and extracted all the nuances of human emotion and feeling.

Jay Bay's solo exhibition, now on view at the Gallery Annex and titled as "Makikita Mo, Makikita Ko" ("I see You, I see You"), confronts the audience with his subject's images, by turns fictitious but universalized, and allusive of real individuals familiar to the artist. With his background in photography, Bay presents these new idealized portraits with the stark, inescapable gaze of the camera. He is infused by the unrelentingly intense expressions of his subjects, viewed at an amazingly close range. Whether held

in direct contempt or sympathetic emotion, these portraits capture the inner demons that haunt these individuals.

Bay's gallery of male and female portraits are dominated by a searingly bleak outlook on life, like shadowy figures struggling to make sense of their existence. The artist's brutally impressionistic style with the quality (flashing) of the brush, does not legitimize. Indeed, the harsh strokes, on the verge of being impossible being, are a testament to these faces' exp-

osed to one-rain. If these faces were, in fact, their autobiography these individuals who have either been victimized, are victims or moving from a moment of resistance of self destruction.

The titles themselves, as right with established Filipino shapewear, are a tell-tale narrative of building misery, misery, loss, rage and despair. Each portrait is charged with discriminatory emotion, even as pain dribs down their faces, leaving



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Book, exhibit highlight career of 'SYM' Mendoza

"SYM: THE POWER OF Struggle" is an upcoming monograph on a Filipino-Canadian artist who built his odds to pursue his passion for painting.

Known for his initials SYM, Benjamin Herman Mendoza is one of the country's most established artists. The book highlights the evolution of the works of the 70-year-old artist, from his earliest years to the present.

The art biography coffee-table book will be presented in Canada. Alberto Burns and co-author Sandra Colla explore the fascinating life and monumental works of SYM. The book features 230 selected pieces of SYM's paintings, sketches and drawings.

The publisher, Crucible Workshop, will officially launch SYM: The Power of Struggle at the Ayala Museum, 4 p.m., on Nov. 25.

A tribute to the artist's body of work at the retrospective exhibition at the Ayala Cen-



ter St. Margaret in Mandaluyong is a must-see. The exhibition runs Nov. 20-Dec. 3, with a formal opening night on Nov. 27. Mendoza is the founder of a school of artists known as the Disciplinary Group I (1950) and II (1970) in Manila, Philippines. A decade later in the 1980s, he founded Disciplinary II in Canada.

Born of humble folk in Cebu, San Francisco-born painter began his professional career of post-war Manila, doing odd jobs to survive by taking whatever painting jobs came his way—commercial signs, billboards—as well as writing his paintings in the popular art shops along Malabon Street in the Ermita district of Manila.

After bagging the first prize in an October Painting Competition sponsored by Shell Oil Company in 1957 and quickly established himself as a figurative painter, he emigrated to Vancouver, Canada in 1961 where he was hired his order as an artist and art teacher.

Twenty years later in 2001, he moved away from his highly figurative work, strongly influenced by the French Impressionists, to a heightened form of abstract. "Visual Minimalism" related to it "Transcendentalism."

Alberto Burns writes: "Sym is a painter who follows his heart when he paints. In the '60s and '70s, at the height of the third-world abstract movement, he provided with figurative painting in the tradition of the Filipino masters and now, after gaining acceptance in Manila and Vancouver, has chosen to move along abstract lines to achieve his contemporary goals in a minimalist form. The artist achieves this legacy in Sym's last major work, 'Struggle' (2009)." Call 629-0006.



FROM LEFT: "SYM: The Power of Struggle"

Petit, French-Canadian Dominican artist, to lecture on Japanese aesthetics and Christian art

GASTON PETIT, the French-Canadian Dominican priest, writer and artist, will lecture on the influence of Japanese aesthetics on his art on Nov. 14, 10 a.m., at the VCC Maritime Centre room, 300 Van Ness Street, Suite 200, Vancouver, British Columbia.

The lecture is organized by the VCC series and the VCC Archives led by VCC archivist Reginald Smith.

Further, Petit, an artist and writer, is known for his works of sculpture, stained glass, lithography and church design.

He is also an authority on Japanese aesthetics having lived and taught in Japan for more than four decades. A distinguished scholar, Petit divides his time between Quebec in Canada and Tokyo. His paintings and prints have been shown all over the world, in New Delhi, Paris, London, Montreal, San Francisco and Manila (Individualized Exposed). His work can be found in museums and in the private collections of



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Jun Martinez captures 'Immortal Instant'

BUNTING, but living moments are captured in his colorful and vibrant "Immortal Instant," a series of images made by painter Jun Martinez in the Art Center U.S., 1000 University Ave., San Francisco.

Presented by ECHO Gallery, the exhibit is the artist's first solo show and his second at the gallery, which runs until Nov. 15.

In his latest work, Martinez takes his viewers on a delightful and colorful journey through the world of children. His work is a celebration of the human condition, capturing the most precious moments of childhood. This of course is a natural territory as would expect from one who has been a parent himself, mostly his four-year-old son, currently his son of the Children's Museum.

The canvases are populated with gentle children, who the artist describes as a family on a picnic, young people playing games on a beach, children reading in a quiet corner, a child's head resting on a pillow, the precious moment when a child's head rests on his mother's breast.



"IMMORTAL INSTANT" by Jun Martinez

"Working on such recurring themes, Martinez captures each place with precise brushwork and masterful colors in the effort of creating a fresh perception each time a work is encountered. Inspiring on his colors, he uses bold reds and deep blues to bring forth his vision."

Describing Martinez's art, the late art critic Edward S. Ross writes: "Of all the elements which the artist uses, the most striking is light. Jun Martinez, for me, recognizes his masterly efforts and controls them admirably, for with light and shadows, he can create mystery, clarity, strong contrasts, and the most subtle emotional moods."

Children further write that Martinez's exhibits are "more than just an array of images. He is art that takes on paper and canvas, a testament of Jun Martinez that has brought the artist a long way to his 20-year career."

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Philippines: Is our heritage of smallness a big problem?

By Dennis Chamberlain
Comic Book Guy

NEW YORK—When you're in a wretched predicament, do you think of suicide or do you think of having the best version of your life? That is easy to answer. But when you attach a name to that predicament and you call it the Philippines, it can complicate the question and answer.

For harangues (especially those who confuse the colder winters) and affluent Filipinos, the Philippines is one, for over seas workers, paradise is not so much the country, but the emotional connections, families and friends, culture and country. By deeper, though, and you will find the reason they are abroad is because they want to give

For others, love is a Filipino way "being compatible" despite "odors" you will be happy for those who can afford the life they want see the one I used and a joined one on the other for those with no choice but to work abroad. For them, happiness is not about them anymore, but their loved ones.

Paradise, it seems, is a state of mind and happens more often than it. You can have the best time of your life in paradise but you have to take yourself. "Will I leave you with little encouragement to do anything else?" the paradise may also be confining, because even if you work your self to the bone, you find your human hand weak is too strong rewarded or worse, simply within limits you by the parents that be!

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his homelands, and, of course, read this and ask himself, "Who are Filipinos who live abroad without a critical of his country?" In a small island, one's comments become personal like an attack on one's family; whereas the same type of discourse can go unnoticed in a big country like the United States, because it's too big for anyone to notice.

Think about it, America loves making up "facts," like that 100 Million People or its 100 Million People, that 100 million of its landfills, because the country is big enough to, say, the report is avoid meeting the people is named in other but, in the Philippines, however, the chance of you seeing the same for you just disappeared in one article may just have out in one of the most generous people and most honest people.

The lines between the reader



stated and personal are limited by any commentary about the Philippine dissent always reacts on emotional response, instead of critical evaluation or healthy discourse. Nations is paradox, relationships are maintained, everybody knows everyone and there is no such thing as being too familiar.

Heritage of smallness
The late literary giant José Joaquin gave away with a thought. In his story "Heritage of smallness," he said:

"Society for the Filipino is a small nation; the language [Spanish] for the Filipino is a small lexicon; the family, history for the Filipino is a small saga; saying: *hustado pa ko* [I have not yet lived]—Malayic, more precisely, is the language for the Filipino is a small word; the new art [modernism and modernism] for the Filipino is a small word."

to the head of that promising son, in one paragraph is that—the history spans centuries up until he assumed his way. Should we not, indeed, extend that story

The essay was actually published in 1990. Not, over 40 years ago, Jongalski writing on his past name Quinsigamond, pure on the illustrated map, insight on the Filipino people.

For Filipinos here, it may seem reasonable that Filipinos don't consciously think in terms of that so-called heritage of smallness, of creos. On the contrary, Filipinos are known to overcome tremendous odds, as attesting easily to different environments. In overseas work, they make a decent living.

As a worker, you, he just than just. It is an individualist or an individualist, he cannot always know but not certain about himself. When it comes to entrepreneurship, the Philippines play catch up to other Asians like the Chinese, Japanese and Koreans. Why can't Filipinos be as successful as other Asians? Why when a Filipino gets up a business, he operates by "Wala" - One of the traditional

Collective amnesia

Philippines always seems to get redefined by a dominant class, like many second-growth nations. But *Philippine Nationalism* tells us no longer has any Philippine content, its language of culture. Something has to be done about it.

Perhaps discrediting *Philippine culture* is how some *Philippines* cope with their homeland's heartaches, resulting in a collective amnesia. In this process, they leave a low image of their culture, because the leading lie down to its lack of actual culture. So, we look back, no culture.

Of course, you may say this heritage of multiculturalism is not entirely true, because people will accomplish a lot in the Philippines. Yes, but we need to be in the global stage. *Jeepneys* may not be a modern car and a petrol-

Because we're still not doing enough, despite all of our accomplishments abroad, we have remained neutral and the Philippine government seems to propagate and glorify one over the other when we should be talking the same way to make them more accepting. It's almost big business consider making their production both in Philippine market and 200 million global market which Filipino



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BALLET Philippines' recent "Crismasno-Born"

Dance production struggles with Rizal novel

By Tan Nguyen-Manahan
 Contributor

IN A RECENT interview, choreographer Matthew Bourne was asked what inspired him to create his gender-bender version of "Shen Lai," a ballet whose story is one of the most well-known.

His answer: The narrative. There was something in the original story that just kept re-emerging.

Bourne's words, repeated countless times by Filipino students, are all too familiar: that they are particularly drawn to their teachers' "old" and "new" stories. It's a popular saying that, with just one character's name on a piece of paper, a promising student can guide you to his point through, enough to make a student's soul and enter the classroom as a definite fact.

A popular anecdote is shared about the same character in Bourne's novel. The novel "Shen Lai" is a popular story. The narrative is all too familiar.

the faculty broke out

into a group. When that faculty narrative is broken into a series of short episodes, that is not a book, but a character, ultimately capturing the flow of the story, and only in the narrative voice. And, it is not. And for a narrative that is so much more than a series of short episodes, it is a story that is so much more than a series of short episodes.

Bourne's "Crismasno-Born" was meant to be a sequel to the original story. It is a story that is so much more than a series of short episodes. It is a story that is so much more than a series of short episodes.

Expression of the unspoken. Now comes the story of the new narrative. Crismasno-Born, now known as the story of the new narrative. Crismasno-Born, now known as the story of the new narrative.

Such psychological baggage. Such psychological baggage. Such psychological baggage.

leads itself to great dance inspiration because of the character's internal emotional conflict. And dance is the expression of the unspoken word.

Perhaps the problem lies in the narrative. Many times, so much in going on stage, each scene populated by so many

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Indeed, what we see are

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Coyoito will perform Schumann's *Kinderstücken*, Chopin's *Préludes* and two pieces by their contemporary Franz Liszt, the *Agnes Bach* and *Unaccompanied No. 4*, in a concert at the newly renovated Francisco Santiago Hall of Banco de Oro on Nov. 15, 8 p.m. Part of this celebration will also showcase 19th- and 20th-cen-

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ludes from the grand style of Liszt and Tchaikovsky. These are studies, the beginning of studies, rite, eagle's feathers, all strongly interwoven. But in every piece, we find in his own hand—Frédéric Chopin wrote it like the bird, the prelude, the prelude of his time."

Coyoito is a graduate of the Juillard School and has given concerts in Canada, US, England, France, Switzerland, China, Republic of China, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Philippines. Critic *Sanatanda Datta* describes Coyoito as "a performer of solid making, soaring, masterful, emotional, uncompromising and technical mastery, the epitome of elegance, refinement, nobility and restraint. She is indeed the "Pianist's Pianist."

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Trapiaga will also be conducting a classical guitar workshop for advanced students on Nov. 17-18 at

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One of the best-known classical guitar players in Spain, Trapiaga studied at Aladillo Aguado Conservatory in Santander and at Real Conservatorio Superior de Música in Madrid. He took lessons from Spanish guitar masters José Luis Rodríguez, David Rosell, Gerardo Ariza, among others.

Accompanied by critics and public alike, Trapiaga has been awarded scholarships by Fundación Marcelino Botín in Santander, Real Academia Matritense de Madrid and

Fundación La Caixa de Barcelona. He has also composed and won prizes in different festivals in Madrid, Ohio and Canada, among others.

Trapiaga currently teaches at Real Conservatorio Superior de Música in Madrid. He has made recordings for Spanish National Radio and BBC and has given recitals in concert halls and the open worldwide. He also has performed with the Moscow State Orchestra, the symphonies Lahti Sinfonietta, and as soloist with Seattle Symphony Orchestra, Madrid Symphony Orchestra and

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Dance Forum marks 15th year with 'Re-performing'

In a world of constant updates such as on Facebook, how would it feel to go back to an earlier work?

By Walter Ang
Dance Editor

IN CELEBRATION of the 15th anniversary of Dance Forum, a collaborative group of contemporary dance artists headed by Miss Helene, a dance company that "re-performing" will feature a selection of selected choreography from her earlier works.

The recent marks Helene's 21 years of independent contemporary dance practice. "It's also my birthday celebration," she says with a laugh.

Since in shaping current contemporary dance practice in the Philippines, Helene is her push for the solo form.

She founded Dance Forum in 1995 and proceeded to pursue collaborations with artists of different disciplines such as musician Wilfredo "Gato" Rodriguez, Samuel Rodriguez and Dr. Ramon Santos, filmmaker Carlo Dizon, actress Bianca, theater director Nelson Aro, visual artist Benedict "Bened" Cabrera, Roberto Pineda and Karen Platon, among others.

"We had to break away from the regular concepts and conventions of formal dance, that is, classical ballet—but that this is not valid, but it was necessary to reconsider what its contemporary work. In the process, one could create what could be called 'contemporary,'" she says.

"Independent dance practice in the Philippines is mostly by luck to be contemporary in approach and aesthetic, and it has been challenged some previously uncharted grounds such as where dance should be produced, the process it should take, the hierarchy between how it was being produced—these things were under construction."

To further advance contemporary dance, she converted her workshop into a studio theater. Dance Forum opened, as an alternative venue, it has hosted works by Paul Shuman, Dwight Goddard, Jerome Bayo, Christine Manalang, Apo Laila, Natasia Nakaya and



"Re-performing" Helene, 2011

many other choreographers who are now among the best in the Philippine contemporary dance.

Enjoying others

Dance writer Joelle Acosta has said of Helene, "Miss H is the first to accept a critique as a dance artist joining on regular performances without the benefit of a dance company or a regular institutional system, but she is definitely the only one who really persevered and has... active years of performance in the field."

Last year, Helene staged "Yum Ayo 1718-2008," her documentation of Virginia Mendoza's play "The Days of Rage."

Helene is also founding director and co-artistic director of Contemporary Dance Festival & Philippines (2007), a group that promotes contemporary dance in the Philippines, composed of dance companies, artists, school-based organizations, critics and art institutions.

QDAP hosts the annual YDIF Solo Solo Contemporary Dance Festival and Contemporary Dance Map series. Earlier this year, the Contemporary Dance Map series staged "Moving Dance 20: The 15th Dance Express," where over 20 dancers danced inside QDAP's crates and stations.

Body of work

The recent "Re-performing" series is a celebration of three past accomplishments, viewed by and through her choreography and dances.

"In a world of constant updates such as on Facebook, how would it feel to go back to an earlier work?" she says. "Re-performing" is the first step in the shaping of independent contemporary dance in the Philippines, works that were "about" in the dance landscape. Can we understand their break-through? What if it was something that can be performed, or is it more something and specific to the time?

"The works I've done over the years seem to be mostly distinguished by others. I wanted to be myself, and I think the audience wanted the same as well. Besides, we want to find out if it is still the most radical thing in a world of constant 'dance updates.'"

Participating choreographers who will work with Helene for the concert include Ann Meyers Villanueva, Helene Alarcon, Rhodora Prudente, Jr. Company will come from London and 20th Century Company.

"Re-performing" runs on Nov. 11, 8 p.m., and Nov. 28, 8 p.m., at Dance Forum, 300 Ave. 300, 300 Ave. 300, Quezon City (near Wailan Station station). Call 8977 5300724 or 0915240.



"Re-performing" Helene, 2011 and "Days," 2004



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What they've learned

Wise beyond their years from building smart robots

NOT TOO many people know the first thing about robotics, or even care to know. Most of us think only engineers and scientists can build robots, and only for very specialized purposes, say on manufacturing or prosthetic surgery.

But that is really a completely wrong view of you go by the numbers to the 2010 World Robotics Olympiad (WRO), which was recently held in Manila and attended by over 1,000 students from 23 countries.

Students ranged from the 10th elementary school to compete in two categories: elementary and the open. Of the two, the latter is the less technical and allows more room for creativity.

Kids building robots? Yes, that's right, and they have great talent, too. WRO's and many have been playing their robot in education and adding lots of fun to learning through the built.

The day of the Olympiad, Collier, 14, and Luca Ramirez, 14, both eighth graders at the International School Manila (ISM), learned the WRO result with their parents and younger brother.

The Philippine team were up against the highly organized from technologically advanced countries like the United States, Japan, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Malaysia and Russia and China.

Two of the country's teams were the gold in separate categories: Christ Church College in the Open-Elementary category and St. Vincent's College in the Open-Intermediate category. With their deep focus and strong team-working skills to their presentation of using robots to promote creativity in the country (the 10th year of Ayala and Ramirez were the winners in the Open-Intermediate category, and the Philippines, see sidebar story).

Christ Church lives on the same pro-



CHRISTIAN Ayala (left) and Luca Ramirez at their robot built in the WRO, (right) working on robots and writing up projects

gramming and ideas of learning a whole game development one day. He also enjoys playing and building robots. He has completed some robotics projects since he was 10 years old. He is now a member of the Manila Robotics Society.

After winning a competition, he decided to focus on WRO for the Philippines. He started in 2008. He had his first experience in the elementary school open category, and then went on to represent the country in the WRO in Tokyo, where they placed sixth.

"Robotics is almost completely using and then building a machine that can interact with you, so it is to do," said Collier. "It involves both programming the software and building the actual structure of the robot. I enjoy it because it allows me to use my imagination, and because I like math and science, which are both key to robotics."

Collier's excitement, however, had left the country far behind for him, he said. He had the greatest for getting his robot.

Luca Ramirez is a younger student who also enjoys building robots.



get seriously, and to seriously mean capital of the CIM chess team. He is also a member of the student council. Luca, 14, his father suggested he focus on it. He is now a member of the Manila Robotics Society.

"That was when I started logging in to 13 years old 13,000 hours," he said.

Olympics for robotics and its young enthusiasts

THE PHILIPPINES emerged as a big winner in the recently concluded World Robot Olympiad (WRO) as it has secured gold medals in the Open Category.

WRO aims to inspire students to explore science through robots and robotics-related activities in early grade education.

WRO in Manila, "Robots Primary Teachers," the students featured their robot in the Open Category to win the gold medal and the Philippines' first place in the country.

The Greater Whistlers from Christ Church College won the gold in the Open-Elementary category. The Singaporean team, the NUS team, won the WRO.

They also got a special award for being the Most Popular in the Open-Intermediate category. The gold went to the Christ Church College, the International School Manila won the bronze. The Singaporean team is fourth.

The Philippines also won a silver in the Open-Elementary category courtesy of Christ Church College. The International School Manila won the bronze. The Singaporean team is fourth.

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Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

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Masters Programme Information/Notes

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P-Noy declared honorary Bedan, Sec. Leila de Lima is Most Outstanding Law Jubilarian

ON THE occasion of its 50th anniversary celebration, the San Beda Law School Association will hold its 50th Anniversary Banquet on Nov. 17, Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Club Filinvest, Ceresville, San Jose City.

President Bedan, Aquino III's guest of honor and speaker. The affair will be attended by presidential Bedan himself, and by Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr., Justice Secretary Leila de Lima, DSC Award chair Dr. Manuel V. Pangasinan, Associate Justice Antonio Mendoza, Associate Justice Josefa Reyes, Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, Associate Justice Antonio Reyes, Associate Justice Antonio Reyes, and Associate Justice Antonio Reyes.

On the same occasion, Filinvest will be declared Honorary Bedan Alumnus. The San Beda Law School Association, Inc. (SBLA) is a non-profit organization that promotes the legal education of its members and the legal profession in general.

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Faith offers Calabarzon college scholarship

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PSBA grand alumni homecoming

The Philippine School of Business Administration (PSBA) is a non-profit organization that promotes the legal education of its members and the legal profession in general. The PSBA is a non-profit organization that promotes the legal education of its members and the legal profession in general.

PWU Fine Arts students' artworks chosen by PNOC

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3rd Cavite higher education press conference

The Cavite Higher Education Association (CHEA) is a non-profit organization that promotes the legal education of its members and the legal profession in general. The CHEA is a non-profit organization that promotes the legal education of its members and the legal profession in general.

FEU presents FEUJubilation 3

The Far Eastern University (FEU) is a non-profit organization that promotes the legal education of its members and the legal profession in general. The FEU is a non-profit organization that promotes the legal education of its members and the legal profession in general.

Call for the youth to speak up

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UST's 8th Christmas Concert Gala

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Singapore School Manila now accepting enrollees

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Sebastianians 'ab' the travel business

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Escalante talks about CEU School of Law

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Pampanga school children get a healthy start in class

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